

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully requests consideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005, Applicant has canceled claims 81-120 without prejudice or disclaimer, and added new Claims 121-150, which are based on the allowed claims of Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,686,586. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the canceled claims.

Applicant has also amended the Abstract of Disclosure to avoid any basis for rejection under MPEP § 608.01(b).

Applicant also submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome any future double-patenting rejection that may be raised in view of Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,686,586.

In view therefore, of the Amendment and remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by new Claims 121-150 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

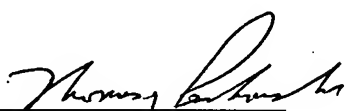
Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

A total of thirty claims (including one independent claim) remain in the present Application, after amendment. Applicant previously paid excess claims fees for twenty additional claims on June 14, 2004. Therefore, Applicant believes that no further excess claims fees are due at this time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies or overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-1340.

Respectfully submitted,

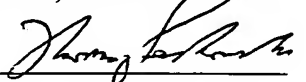
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